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THE WOLVERINE IS DEAD. HIS LEGACY REMAINS.

LOGAN MET HIS END WHILE DESTROYING A REVAMPED VERSION OF THE WEAPON X PROJECT LOCATED IN A FACILITY KNOWN AS PARADISE.

LOGAN COULD NOT ESCAPE, BUT OTHERS DID--FIVE TEST SUBJECTS, ALL GRANTED STRANGE NEW POWERS. NONE WERE EVER INTENDED TO SURVIVE OUTSIDE THE PROGRAM, AND ALL HAVE BEEN INFUSED WITH A TICKING CLOCK IN THEIR DNA THAT WILL KILL THEM UNLESS IT CAN BE DEACTIVATED.

THESE LOST WEAPONS KIDNAPPED A GROUP OF FIVE OF WOLVERINE'S DEADLIEST ASSOCIATES IN THE HOPE THAT THEIR HEALING FACTORS MIGHT HOLD THE ANSWER TO SAVING THE TEST SUBJECTS' LIVES. THE REFUGEES FROM PARADISE HOLD SIGNIFICANT LEVERAGE OVER THE FIVE KILLERS--SECRET "CONTROL WORDS" THAT CAN MANIPULATE, SEDATE OR EVEN KILL EACH OF THEM.

MEANWHILE, WOLVERINE'S OLD BUDDY FANG IS BACK IN TOWN, BEER IN HAND, AND DETERMINED TO HAVE THE WEEKEND WITH LOGAN HE WAS ROBBED OF BY HIS FRIEND'S MURDER. SO FAR, SABRETOOTH AND DAKEN HAVE GONE ON THEIR OWN JOURNEYS WITH FANG, EACH ONE REVEALING SOMETHING ABOUT THE TWO MEN THAT THEY WOULD OTHERWISE NOT WANT TO SEE. THESE TRIPS HAVE ALSO REVEALED THAT FANG IS SEEKING LOGAN'S MURDERER--AND HE'S CONVINCED IT'S ONE OF THE WOLVERINES. ANNOYED BY FANG'S TORTURE OF HER TEAMMATES, X-23 DEMANDS TO BE TAKEN NEXT, AND FANG WILLINGLY COMPLIES.

MEANWHILE MYSTIQUE, JUNK, DAKEN AND SABRETOOTH PLOT A WAY TO ESCAPE FROM FANG AND THE REST OF THE PARADISE SURVIVORS.

PARADISE

SHOGUN

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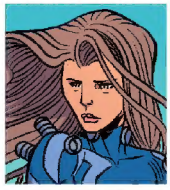
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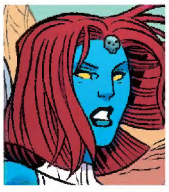
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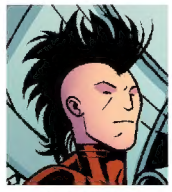
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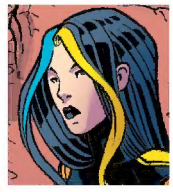
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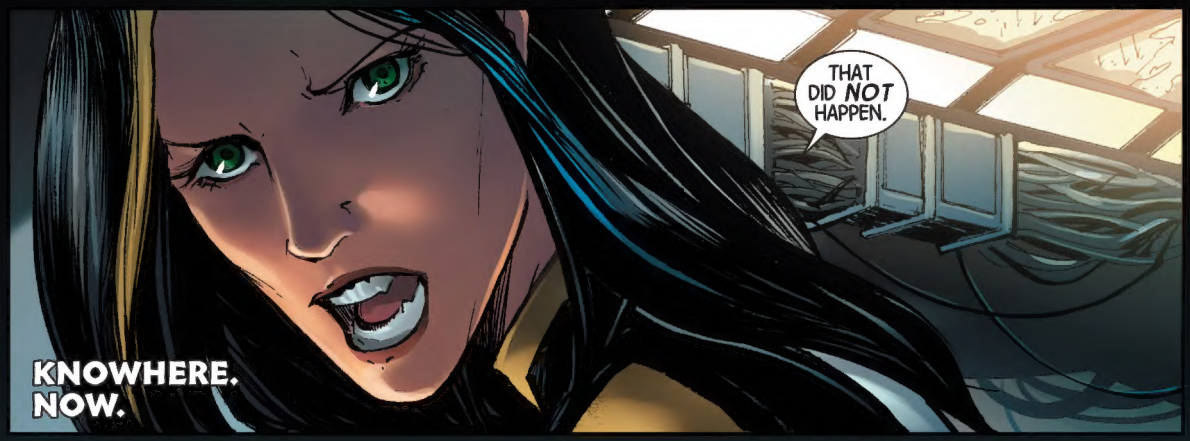
KNOWHERE. YEARS AGO...
"SO THE IDEA WAS TO SEE IF WE COULD GET LOGAN DRUNK.
"HIS HEALING FACTOR METABOLIZED THE ALCOHOL SO FAST THAT TEN SHOTS IN A ROW WOULD ONLY THROW HIM OFF FOR A FEW SECONDS.
"SO..."
ALLLL RIGHT. ALL YOU BASSHTERS BETTER....
...LISSENUP, EH?
EASY, LOGAN. WHY DON'T YOU JUST...SIT BACK DOWN?
"WE HAD TO GET CREATIVE.

"THERE'S A PLACE I KNOW, SELLS A DRINK CALLED !!*!!RK. IT'S THREE INTOXICANTS, A HALLUCINOGEN AND A COUPLE OF STIMULANTS ALL IN ONE BEAUTIFUL BLUE PACKAGE.
"STRONGEST DRINK I EVER HAD. LOOKS LIKE THE SKY, TASTES LIKE SUN ON THE SEA AND MAKES YOU FEEL LIKE YOU'RE THE BABY THEY HAD TOGETHER. GOOD STUFF.
"WE RIGGED UP A... CONTINUOUS DELIVERY SYSTEM. FED HIM A CONSTANT SUPPLY OF !!*!!RK. HIS SYSTEM DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO REACT."
OOOH, SOORY, FANG. WHAT, YA THINK I'LL OFFEND THESE MUNKS?
"AND THEN, HE JUST... KEPT DRINKING.
"HIS SPEECH CHANGED. IT GOT FUZZY, AND HE KEPT ADDING 'EH' TO THE END OF HIS SENTENCES. NO IDEA WHY."
THEY BETTER HOPE THE WOLVERINE DON'T GET OFFENDED, EH?
"IT WAS PRETTY ENTERTAINING."
'CAUSE THE WOOOLBERINESHH THE BESSHT THERE IS AT WHAT HE...AT WHAT I...
UH...
...AND THEY'LL BE SOOR--
--OOPS.
SNIKT
SPLTCH
HEY, BUB! CHECK IT OUT! I...SNIKTED MYSELF!
HUH. LOOK AT THAT.
SO YOU DID, LOGAN.
"SO ANYWAY, YUP. WOLVERINE CAN ABSOLUTELY GET DRUNK. OR...HE COULD, ANYWAY."

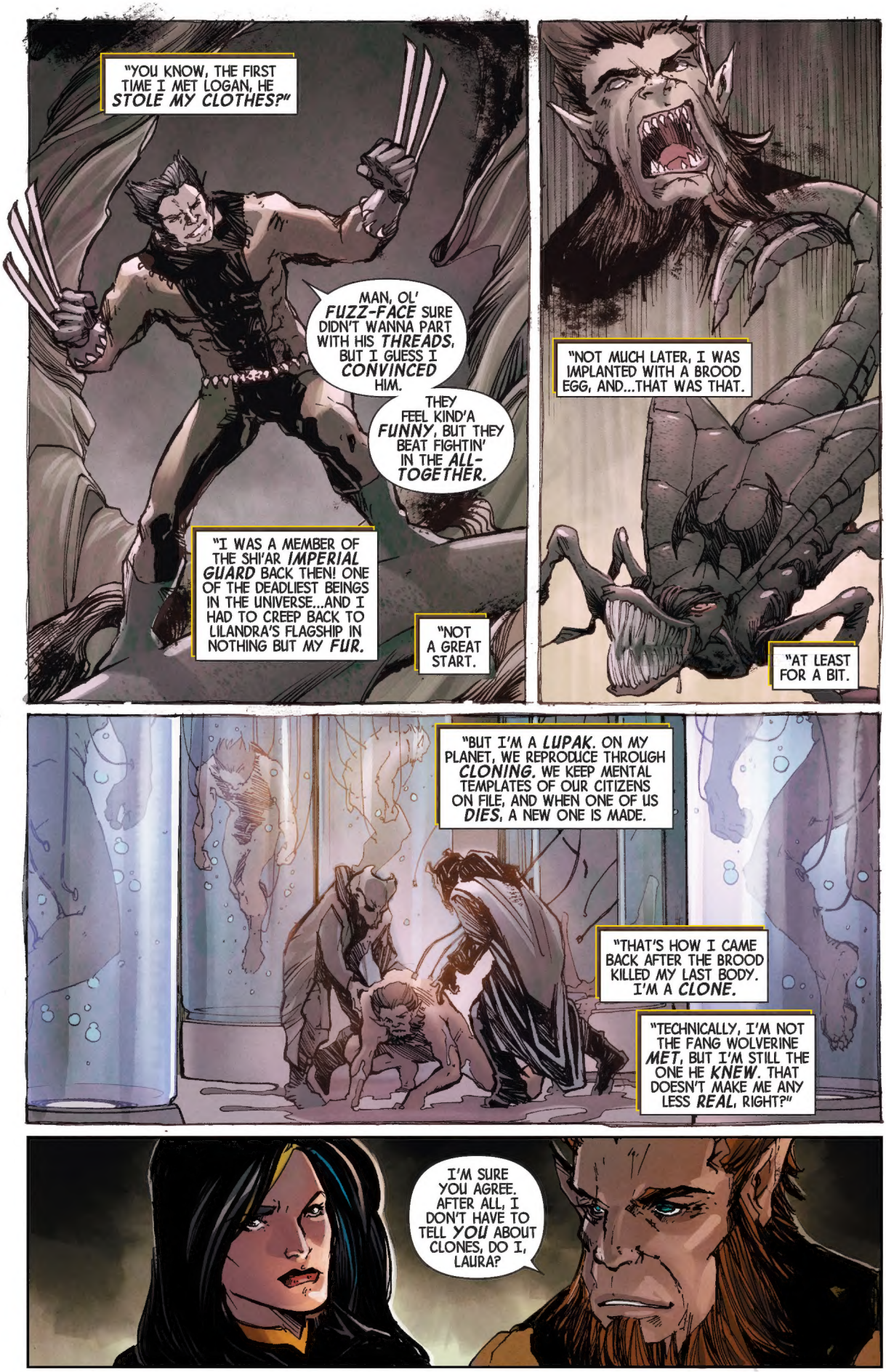

THAT DID NOT HAPPEN.
KNOWHERE. NOW.

WHY WOULD YOU...WHY WOULD LOGAN DO THAT?
LISTEN, LAURA...ACTUALLY, WAIT. WHICH DO YOU LIKE? LAURA OR X-23?
...
FINE, FINE. I'LL STICK WITH LAURA. THAT'S WHAT HE CALLED YOU.
HIS LIFE WAS HARD. EVERY SO OFTEN, HE TOOK A FEW DAYS TO FORGET JUST HOW HARD IT WAS. SO WHAT?

FROM WHAT HE TOLD ME ABOUT YOU, YOU SEEM LIKE THE LAST PERSON WHO'D GET JUDGY OVER SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
YOU DON'T KNOW ME, FANG.
YOU WANT TO TAKE ME AND THE OTHERS ON THESE LITTLE ADVENTURES? YOU'VE SHOWN US HOW POWERFUL YOU ARE. YOU COULD KILL US ALL. WE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE. FINE.

BUT SKIP THE ANALYSIS. JUST FINISH TORTURING ME THE WAY YOU DID DAKEN AND SABRETOOTH, THEN SEND ME BACK.
OH, HEY, LAURA. COME ON. I'M NOT GOING TO TORTURE YOU. PROBABLY.
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE OF THOSE IDIOTS LOGAN LIKED.
...
THEN WHAT, FANG? WHO ARE YOU?

AH. GOOD STORY.


"YOU KNOW, THE FIRST TIME I MET LOGAN, HE STOLE MY CLOTHES?"
MAN, OL' FUZZ-FACE SURE DIDN'T WANNA PART WITH HIS THREADS, BUT I GUESS I CONVINCED HIM.
THEY FEEL KIND'A FUNNY, BUT THEY BEAT FIGHTIN' IN THE ALL-TOGETHER.
"I WAS A MEMBER OF THE SHI'AR IMPERIAL GUARD BACK THEN! ONE OF THE DEADLIEST BEINGS IN THE UNIVERSE...AND I HAD TO CREEP BACK TO LILANDRA'S FLAGSHIP IN NOTHING BUT MY FUR.
"NOT A GREAT START.
"NOT MUCH LATER, I WAS IMPLANTED WITH A BROOD EGG, AND...THAT WAS THAT.
"AT LEAST FOR A BIT.
"BUT I'M A LUPAK. ON MY PLANET, WE REPRODUCE THROUGH CLONING. WE KEEP MENTAL TEMPLATES OF OUR CITIZENS ON FILE, AND WHEN ONE OF US DIES, A NEW ONE IS MADE.
"THAT'S HOW I CAME BACK AFTER THE BROOD KILLED MY LAST BODY. I'M A CLONE.
"TECHNICALLY, I'M NOT THE FANG WOLVERINE MET, BUT I'M STILL THE ONE HE KNEW. THAT DOESN'T MAKE ME ANY LESS REAL, RIGHT?"
I'M SURE YOU AGREE. AFTER ALL, I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU ABOUT CLONES, DO I, LAURA?

THE CHANGELING.
SO. WE KNOW WE CAN'T HIDE FROM FANG. IT SEEMS LIKE HE CAN FIND US ANYWHERE ON THE PLANET.
FIND US AND KILL US, FROM WHAT WE SAW OF HIS POWER LEVELS. WHICH IS FRUSTRATING...
...BECAUSE I HAVE THINGS TO DO.
IS THAT... SUPPOSED TO MOTIVATE US, MYSTIQUE?
I JUST WANT TO BE CLEAR ABOUT WHAT WE'RE DEALING WITH, JUNK. BUT WE'RE NOT DONE. NOT BY A LONG SHOT.
JUST TELL ME YOU GOT SOMETHING USABLE FROM THE NANO-DISC X-23 SLIPPED ONTO FANG JUST BEFORE HE TOOK HER. A WEAKNESS. SOMETHING WE CAN USE.
UH...
THIS IS A LITTLE...ADVANCED, MYSTIQUE.
I BARELY REMEMBER MY REAL NAME AFTER WHAT CORNELIUS DID TO ME. ALL THIS ANIMAL DNA HE GAVE ME...HALF THE TIME I FEEL LIKE GOING OUTSIDE TO GRAZE.
THE COMPUTER PRINTED THIS STUFF OUT, AND ONE PART SAYS VULNERABILITY CONFIRMED, BUT...I MEAN...I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY YOU ASKED ME TO DO THIS.
THANK YOU, JUNK.

CREW DECK. SHOGUN'S CHAMBER.
CAN I JUST...DO IT, OGUN?
CAN I JUST KILL HIM?
NO, YURIKO. NOT YET.
I CAN SPEAK TO YOU DIRECTLY WHEN HE'S ASLEEP, BUT HIS SOUL IS STILL TOO STRONG FOR ME TO TAKE FULL CONTROL.
KILL HIM, MY LOVE, AND YOU KILL ME AS WELL.
"MY LOVE," IS IT?
IT WASN'T THAT LONG AGO YOU TRIED TO KILL ME.
AND YOU TRIED JUST AS HARD TO KILL ME. THAT IS OUR LIFE. I AM SURE WE WILL TRY AGAIN, ON SOME DISTANT DAY.
BUT NOT TODAY. TODAY... WE HAVE FOUND SOMETHING ELSE. SOMETHING I THINK WE BOTH THOUGHT WAS LOST FOREVER.
...
YES. SO...HOW, OGUN?
YOU MUST WAKE HIM. AND FIGHT HIM. EXHAUST HIM PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY. MAKE HIS SPIRIT WEAK.
THERE WILL BE A POINT WHERE HE IS AT THE VERY EDGE OF DEATH, WHERE I WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE HIM. BUT YURIKO--
WHEN THAT POINT IS REACHED... PLEASE. YOU MUST STOP. DO NOT KILL HIM.
HHN.
YURIKO?

"LOGAN AND I DIDN'T SEE EACH OTHER FOR A WHILE AFTER I WAS CLONED BACK TO LIFE.

"WE BOTH HAD PRETTY FULL LIVES. I WAS WITH THE GUARD, HE WAS...DOING JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING IT'S POSSIBLE FOR SOMEONE FROM YOUR PLANET TO DO. HE LIKED TO KEEP BUSY. I THINK HE FELT LIKE HE *HAD* TO.

"WE RAN INTO EACH OTHER EVENTUALLY--SPACE ISN'T AS *BIG* AS YOU MIGHT THINK, REALLY.

"BY THEN, WE'D BOTH BEEN THROUGH A *LOT*. I'D GOTTEN A PILE OF NEW ABILITIES--HE'D JUST GOTTEN TOUGHER. SORT OF ANGRIER AND CALMER AT THE SAME TIME.

"ANYWAY, WE HIT IT OFF. MY PEOPLE HAVE A DIFFERENT ATTITUDE TOWARDS LIFE AND DEATH THAN MOST EARTHLINGS, SINCE WE DON'T REALLY *DIE* THE SAME WAY.

"OUR META-LIVES ARE LONG. LOGAN AND I HAD THAT IN COMMON.

"ALTHOUGH..."

...I GUESS THAT'S DONE.
YES. HE'S DEAD. I SAW HIS BODY. HE WAS ENCASED IN ADAMANTIUM. THE SAME THING HIS CLAWS WERE MADE FROM. AND MINE.
I'M AWARE. THE X-MEN HAVE HIM. I'VE ALREADY BEEN TO PAY MY RESPECTS.
YOU SEEM TO KNOW EVERYTHING ALREADY, FANG--
--DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE ACTUALLY TRYING TO SOLVE HIS MURDER?
YES AND NO, LAURA. I DO HAVE UNANSWERED QUESTIONS ABOUT LOGAN'S DEATH. BUT THAT'S JUST PART OF IT.
I'M HERE BECAUSE LOGAN HATED YOU GUYS--WELL, NOT YOU, BUT THE OTHERS--AND WHEN I SAW YOU WERE ALL TOGETHER DOING... WHATEVER YOU'RE DOING...WELL...
...I FIGURED, HEY, WHY NOT HAVE SOME FUN?
NONE OF THIS IS FUN. WHAT WAS YOUR PLAN FOR ME?
ACTUALLY, IT WAS THIS.
YOUR TRIGGER SCENT, LAURA. PURIFIED. CONCENTRATED.
INTENSIFIED.
SNIKT
NO!

KRRAK
YURIKO? WHAT THE HELL?
WHAT, SHOGUN, YOU DON'T WANT TO PLAY? I'M BORED.
LISTEN, DEATHSTRIKE, I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH CRAZY. DON'T THINK I DON'T DIG IT, BECAUSE I DO.
BUT THERE'S A TIME AND A PLACE, YOU KNOW?
SLSH
HAI!
ARE YOU SERIOUS WITH THIS?
AGH!
SLSH
DEADLY.

THE COLORADO ROCKIES.
CULPEPPER! CATCH!
LOGAN
GOT IT, 'ELLE!
NO! THAT'S MINE!
YOU HAVE THOUSANDS-- YOU'LL NEVER MISS IT!
WHOA!
GRAH!

LADY, YOU KNOW WHAT THEY CALL ME? THE DOGTAGGER. I PROMISE YOU--
--I WILL MISS IT.
LISTEN TO ME, WHOEVER YOU ARE.
YOU WANT TO THINK VERY CAREFULLY ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE DOING HERE. I WENT THROUGH HELL TO GET THAT ITEM. IT IS PRECIOUS TO ME, AND IT IS MINE.
KNOW THAT IF YOU LEAVE WITH IT, I WILL NOT REST UNTIL IT IS BACK IN MY POSSESSION, AND WHOEVER HAS IT WILL BE VERY, VERY SORRY.
WHAT DO YOU THINK, FANTOMELLE?
I THINK HE'S CALLED THE DOGTAGGER, FOR GOD'S SAKE.
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT A VENDETTA FROM THE DOGTAGGER?
POINT TAKEN.
KEEP OUT
PRIVATE PROPERTY

BARCELONA, SPAIN. LATER...
YOU THINK WE SHOULD TELL THE CLIENT ABOUT THE DOGTAGGER'S DESPERATE VOW?
HMM. GOOD QUESTION.
MAYBE.
BUT LET'S DO IT AFTER HE PAYS US.

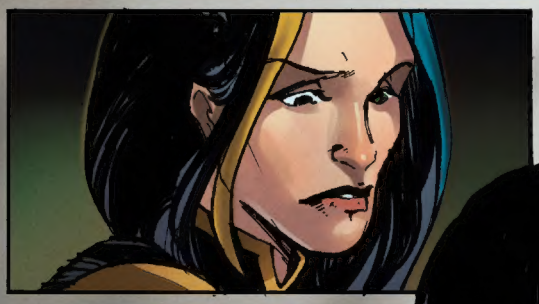
DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAS BEEN DONE TO ME? I'VE FOUGHT MY ENTIRE LIFE TO GAIN SOME CONTROL OVER MY OWN EXISTENCE.
AND THAT TRIGGER SCENT--THAT POISON--IS THE ONE THING IN THE WORLD THAT TAKES IT AWAY FROM ME. IT MAKES ME AN ANIMAL.
WHY DO YOU HAVE IT?
I THOUGHT I'D DOSE YOU WITH IT BACK ON MYSTIQUE'S SHIP AND LET YOU GO WILD.
I'M NOT SURE IF YOU COULD HAVE KILLED ANY OF THEM, BUT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN FUN AS HELL TO WATCH.
NOW GET OFF!
NNF!
SPLTCH
KRRSH

HEY, I LIKE THIS BAR. I'LL FIGHT IF YOU WANT--
I WANT.
GRRAAH!
LAURA! WILL YOU... NNGH...JUST... LISTEN FOR A SECOND?

DID I ACTUALLY USE THE TRIGGER SCENT? NO, I DID NOT.
I DECIDED NOT TO...
...THE MINUTE I SAW THESE.
IT WAS A TERRIBLE IDEA IN THE FIRST PLACE, REALLY. I'M NO ZEBRA DADDY.
THEN WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE, FANG?
YOU'RE HANGING OUT WITH A BUNCH OF MONSTERS...BUT YOU AREN'T ONE.
SO I FIGURED I'D BRING YOU HERE, HAVE A DRINK, AND JUST ASK YOU...WHY?

I...I DON'T REALLY HAVE A CHOICE. SHOGUN AND JUNK HAVE THESE CONTROL WORDS, AND I--
SERIOUSLY? YOU JUST TRIED TO SLASH MY FACE OFF THE MINUTE I SHOWED YOU THAT TRIGGER SCENT. YOU ARE DONE LETTING PEOPLE CONTROL YOU.
I THINK THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE GOING ON--AND I SUGGEST YOU FIGURE IT OUT.

OR JUST GIVE UP, AND BE WHAT YOU'RE AFRAID YOU ARE. JUST ANOTHER MONSTER. IT'S YOUR LIFE.
HERE. THIS SHOULD HELP, IF YOU DECIDE TO GO THAT WAY.



SHOGUN WAS ONE OF THE LAST PEOPLE TO SEE WOLVERINE ALIVE. IF YOU WANT TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED, TALK TO HIM.
HUH. THAT'S...THAT'S VERY INTERESTING. SHOGUN, I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT. HE WASN'T EVEN ON MY LIST FOR THIS TRIP.
THANK YOU, LAURA.
HHN.

HMM. I'M GOING TO HAVE TO BUY THIS GUY A NEW BAR, AREN'T I?

YOU ALL UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO DO? FANG SHOULD BE BACK SOON.
UH...
WHAT, JUNK?
I JUST...FANG DOESN'T KNOW WHO I AM. HE ONLY SEEMS TO CARE ABOUT YOU GUYS. AND SO IF I TRY TO DO SOMETHING TO HIM, LIKE ATTACK HIM, AND IT DOESN'T WORK, THEN HE PROBABLY WILL CARE ABOUT ME.
SO...I'M NOT SURE I SHOULD ACTUALLY...
YOU'RE PATHETIC.
FANG TOLD ME HE DIDN'T WANT TO KILL US. BECAUSE WOLVERINE WOULDN'T HAVE.
I'VE ALREADY BEEN THROUGH MY BIT. I THINK HE'S DONE WITH ME. CREED TOO, MAYBE.
YOU ASK ME, YOU'RE JUST WORRIED ABOUT WHAT FANG'S GOING TO DO TO YOU, MYSTIQUE.
ARE YOU BACKING OUT TOO, YOU COWARD?
DIDN'T SAY THAT. I WANT PAYBACK. I JUST DON'T KNOW WHY WE NEED IT NOW.
HE'S PROBABLY EXPECTING US TO TRY SOMETHING.
MAYBE WE WAIT A WHILE. TRACK HIM. HIT HIM WHEN HE'S NOT READY.
WHY ARE YOU IN SUCH A RUSH, MYSTIQUE? YOU SAID YOU HAVE THINGS TO DO. I DIDN'T MISS THAT. YOU WORKING ON SOMETHING YOU HAVEN'T TOLD US ABOUT?
OF COURSE I AM, YOU FOOL. I AM RAVEN DARKHOLME.
AND I WILL NOT ALLOW MY PLANS TO BE DERAILED BY SOME WEREWOLF-LOOKING NOBODY.
I TELL YOU-- WE CAN DESTROY FANG, AND WE WILL DO IT.
HUH.

NOW, MYSTIQUE. DON'T MIND ME. KEEP TALKING.
THIS WHOLE THING SOUNDS *FASCINATING.*
NEXT: SHOGUN'S FALL!